

## **Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA**

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**From:** MacLeod, Andrew -NGB  
**Sent:** 4 avril 2018 16:57  
**To:** Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA; McLaughlin, Sheryl -MINA  
**Cc:** \*MINA-Dept Unit; \*USS-DMA Advisors; Leblanc, Jean-Benoît -NGA; Thompson, Kevin -NGD; Parent, Guillaume -NGM; Holton, Daniel -DCL; Cudmore, Heather -DCL; Calvert, Colleen -DCL; Pentland, Anna-Louise -IFM; Segal, Nancy -NGB; Sheldrake, Mandy -IDT; Cameron, Thomas -IDT  
**Subject:** RE: Cannabis legislation

Hi Sheryl

I confirmed with WSHDC that they were not consulted or made aware of this visit in advance. I'm informed that they have already made PCO and PMO aware of this.

Andrew

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**From:** Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA  
**Sent:** April-04-18 2:59 PM  
**To:** McLaughlin, Sheryl -MINA  
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Hi Sheryl,

NGB and IDT have been leading on this for GAC. They will follow up and get back to you.

Thanks.

Jean-François

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**From:** McLaughlin, Sheryl -MINA  
**Sent:** 4 avril 2018 14:53  
**To:** Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA  
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Many thanks,  
Sheryl

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**From:** Morin, Cassandra -DCL  
**Sent:** 4 avril 2018 15:02  
**To:** McLaughlin, Sheryl -MINA; Holton, Daniel -DCL  
**Cc:** \*MINA-Dept Unit; \*USS-DMA Advisors; Leblanc, Jean-Benoît -NGA; Thompson, Kevin -NGD; Parent, Guillaume -NGM; Holton, Daniel -DCL; Cudmore, Heather -DCL; Calvert, Colleen -DCL; Pentland, Anna-Louise -IFM; Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA  
**Subject:** RE: Cannabis legislation

Hi Sheryl,

I can confirm that DCL was **not/not** contacted regarding this visit.

Merci!  
Cassandra

**From:** McLaughlin, Sheryl -MINA <[Sheryl.McLaughlin@international.gc.ca](mailto:Sheryl.McLaughlin@international.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** Bergeron, Jean-François -NGA  
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**Cronin, Niall -NNB**

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**From:** Barratt, Adam -WSHDC  
**Sent:** April-05-18 2:21 PM  
**To:** Wilshaw, Sara -NND; Cronin, Niall -NNB  
**Cc:** Baird, Katherine -WSHDC -WS  
**Subject:** FW: Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w AG Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis

FYI. I flipped it to Jeremy Adler just in case they missed it.

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**From:** Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR  
**Sent:** April-05-18 2:19 PM  
**To:** Barratt, Adam -WSHDC; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN; Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; McMahon, Karen -WSHDC -BF; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC  
**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN  
**Subject:** Re: Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w AG Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis

Press release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Visit of Senator Carignan, Boisvenu and Batters to Washington D.C.: Marijuana questions answered - Canadians have reasons to be worried!

Ottawa, April 5, 2018 - Conservative Senators Claude Carignan, Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu and Denise Batters recently met with top American leaders and officials on the upcoming legalization of marijuana in Canada. They today reported the outcomes of their meetings with American officials in Washington, D.C. The U.S. administration and the groups met gave clear answers to questions that have been insufficiently answered by the Trudeau government.

Meeting with Department of Homeland Security and United States Customs and Border Protection Field Operations:

On Tuesday, Senators met with senior officials from the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Customs and Border Protection Field Operations Bureau. Several issues were raised.

Marijuana is illegal in the United States and this will not change, even though a few individual states have legalized marijuana. At the U.S. border, an individual admitting having consumed marijuana may be subject to additional inspection or even be denied entry to the U.S. American authorities have no intention to increase their personnel at the border. An increase in standby time is expected for crossing the U.S. border, for both regular and Nexus travelers as well as truckers (Passexpress). Travelers can expect an increase of secondary inspections as trained dogs will still detect residue and smell marijuana odours even if the consumption dates back a few days. Nexus or Passexpress cards can therefore be revoked.

Great concerns were expressed about the smuggling of marijuana at the border. In Colorado, organized crime has created new cartels operating under the appearance of a legitimate industry. U.S. authorities are worried about new contraband activities developing in Canada and crossing the border. In states that have legalized marijuana, law enforcement is struggling to deal with these new cartels.

Finally, U.S. officials were taken aback to learn that there are no random testing measures in place in Canada for public transport operators (planes, trains, buses, etc.). These random tests have existed in the United States for more than ten years. They also underlined rising crimes and public health issues arising in the U.S. following the legalization of cannabis in Canada.

Meeting with Jeff Sessions, Attorney General of the United States:

Senators met Wednesday with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Trump administration officials. Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of legalization on young people, the border, military personnel and new organized crime cartels. This meeting highlighted some aspects of Bill C-45 that may have an impact on both countries.

### Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)

Senators met with representatives of SAM. SAM representatives discussed their recent study, which reveals concerning data. For example, Colorado's crime rate has increased 11 times faster since the legalization compared to the rest of the U.S. Calls to poison centers have increased by 210%. Central Oregon hospitals saw an increase of almost 2,000% emergency visits due to marijuana poisoning. Finally, the state of Washington has seen an increase of twice as many deaths on the road related to marijuana-impaired driving. It is urgent that the Canadian ministers responsible for the legalization of marijuana heed this report.

### Round table with political advisors from Congress Representatives and Senators

Senators met with several Senate and Congressional advisors from 12 different state. They confirmed an increase in organized crime activities and the creation of new cartels using the cover of legitimate companies to illegally cultivate and traffic marijuana. They urged Canadian authorities to draw on the American experience to avoid the pitfalls that resulted from legalization.

Senator Carignan, Boisvenu and Batters return from this trip with many more answers than they had previously received from the Trudeau government. They will share their observations with their Senate colleagues and Canadians - during the study of Bill C-45.

Natasha Manji  
Public Safety Counsellor, Canadian Embassy in Washington  
Mobile: 202-497-5898

**From:** Barratt, Adam -WSHDC

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 5:05 PM

**To:** Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN; Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; McMahon, Karen -WSHDC -BF; [REDACTED]; Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC

**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN

**Subject:** Re: Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w AG Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis

The Embassy had no visibility on this. We were neither advised nor consulted on the visit. The first we heard of it was in the La Presse article. At this point, this is a political issue, not a bureaucratic one. At this point, I would advise the Minister's office to contact PMO for further information. Simon Beauchemin was handling the file, along with PCO and ministerial staff in o/MINA. -Adam

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 6:04 PM

**To:** McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN; Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; McMahon, Karen -WSHDC -BF; [REDACTED]; Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC

**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN

**Subject:** Re: Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w AG Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis

Hi,

Minister Goodale's office has questions about this as well.

Did we/do we have any visibility on this meeting or the other meetings they intend to have in DC? I see that DHS is on the list.

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**From:** McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:46 PM

**To:** Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; McMahon, Karen -WSHDC -BF; [REDACTED]; Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC

**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN

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++ Martin Loken

**From:** Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA

**Sent:** April-04-18 2:43 PM

**To:** Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; McMahon, Karen -WSHDC -BF; [REDACTED]; Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC; McCormick, Rachel -WSHDC -EN  
**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA  
**Subject:** Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w AG Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis

Thanks Colin.  
 Looping in a few others.

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**From:** Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA  
**Sent:** April-04-18 2:38 PM  
**To:** Lambo, Pam -WSHDC -WS -PA; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR  
**Cc:** Cossaart, Ashley -WSHDC -PA; Happli, Ali -WSHDC -PA  
**Subject:** FW: La presse

Pam/Natasha – FYI. Conservative Cdn Senators meeting today w Sessions, DHS/CBP, SAM on cannabis. Story says they tried to get clear answers from Cdn govt on repercussions on Cdns entering US and didn't get clear answers.

Ashley – Can you do a scan just before you leave today to see if any US media has picked up, and including anything (and anything overnight) in clips tomorrow? Thx

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**From:** Hartery, Lynn -WSHDC -GR  
**Sent:** April-04-18 2:22 PM  
**To:** Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA  
**Subject:** La presse

Can you monitor to see what come out of this in US media?

<http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/politique/politique-canadienne/201804/04/01-5159801-legalisation-du-cannabis-trois-senateurs-canadiens-rencontrent-jeff-sessions.php>

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Outre Jeff Sessions, les sénateurs conservateurs doivent rencontrer durant leur séjour des hauts fonctionnaires du Bureau de la stratégie, des politiques et des plans du Département de la Sécurité intérieure (DHS) et ainsi que des fonctionnaires du Bureau des opérations sur le terrain des douanes et de la protection des frontières des États-Unis. Ils doivent aussi rencontrer les représentants du Groupe SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana).

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Selon la sénatrice Denise Batters, il est évident que la légalisation de la marijuana au Canada pourrait avoir de profondes répercussions sur les relations avec les États-Unis. « Nous sommes ici pour approfondir et discuter de quelques-unes des conséquences internationales avec notre plus important partenaire commercial », a-t-elle fait savoir.

**Cameron, Thomas -IDT**

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**From:** Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR  
**Sent:** April-06-18 2:12 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Kevin -NGD; 'Costen, Eric (HC/SC)'; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR  
**Cc:** Sheldrake, Mandy -IDT; Bell, Jamie -IDT; MacLeod, Andrew -NGB; Segal, Nancy -NGB; Bhupsingh, Trevor (PS/SP); [carole.morency@justice.gc.ca](mailto:carole.morency@justice.gc.ca); Cameron, Thomas -IDT; Apse, Krista (HC/SC); Koop, Brendan (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** Re: Office of National Drug Control Policy - Cannabis follow-up

Thanks for this.  
Tom and Mandy--I will be in touch on Monday.  
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**From:** Thompson, Kevin -NGD  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** 'Costen, Eric (HC/SC)'; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR  
**Cc:** Sheldrake, Mandy -IDT; Bell, Jamie -IDT; MacLeod, Andrew -NGB; Segal, Nancy -NGB; Bhupsingh, Trevor (PS/SP); [carole.morency@justice.gc.ca](mailto:carole.morency@justice.gc.ca); Cameron, Thomas -IDT; Apse, Krista (HC/SC); Koop, Brendan (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** RE: Office of National Drug Control Policy - Cannabis follow-up

Ok. Tom and Mandy will touch base with Natasha and work out a game plan.

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**From:** Costen, Eric (HC/SC) [<mailto:eric.costen@canada.ca>]  
**Sent:** April-06-18 1:12 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Kevin -NGD; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR  
**Cc:** Sheldrake, Mandy -IDT; Bell, Jamie -IDT; MacLeod, Andrew -NGB; Segal, Nancy -NGB; Bhupsingh, Trevor (PS/SP); [carole.morency@justice.gc.ca](mailto:carole.morency@justice.gc.ca); Cameron, Thomas -IDT; Apse, Krista (HC/SC); Koop, Brendan (HC/SC)  
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Thanks Kevin. No issues on my side with connecting with ondc. Having said that, im not feeling any pressure to proceed on an urgent basis. Will leave it to gac to stagemanage...

Best,  
Eric

Director General / Directeur Général  
Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat / Secrétariat de la légalisation et de la réglementation du cannabis  
Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

----- Original message -----

**From:** [Kevin.Thompson@international.gc.ca](mailto:Kevin.Thompson@international.gc.ca)  
**Date:** 2018-04-06 1:04 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Manji, Natasha (Ext.)" <[natasha.manji@international.gc.ca](mailto:natasha.manji@international.gc.ca)>, "Martin Loken (Ext.)" <[martin.loken@international.gc.ca](mailto:martin.loken@international.gc.ca)>  
 Cc: [Mandy.Sheldrake@international.gc.ca](mailto:Mandy.Sheldrake@international.gc.ca), [Jamie.Bell@international.gc.ca](mailto:Jamie.Bell@international.gc.ca), [Andrew.MacLeod@international.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.MacLeod@international.gc.ca), [Nancy.Segal@international.gc.ca](mailto:Nancy.Segal@international.gc.ca), "Costen, Eric (HC/SC)" <[eric.costen@canada.ca](mailto:eric.costen@canada.ca)>, "Bhupsingh, Trevor (PS/SP)" <[trevor.bhupsingh@canada.ca](mailto:trevor.bhupsingh@canada.ca)>, [carole.morency@justice.gc.ca](mailto:carole.morency@justice.gc.ca), [Thomas.Cameron@international.gc.ca](mailto:Thomas.Cameron@international.gc.ca)  
 Subject: Office of National Drug Control Policy - Cannabis follow-up

Martin, Natasha,

This morning we held a call with Justice/Piragoff; PS/Bhupsingh/Lavoie and RCMP/Bender to discuss the three senators' meeting with Attorney General Sessions. It was agreed that Justice/Piragoff would reach out to his contact in the Department of Justice (Deputy Assistant Attorney General) to see if the officials participated in these discussions and/or whether any read-out is available. Depending on the results of this conversation a more proactive communications approach with the DoJ to clarify GoC positions may be required.

We also discussed a request from ONDCP to have another inter-departmental call on cannabis legalization, similar to the one which occurred last Apr/May after Bill C-45 was introduced in Parliament. [REDACTED] of ONDCP indicated interest in another call to HC/Costen and has suggested that this request has been conveyed to WSHDC. Have you received any such request? If not, GAC is happy to work with ONDCP/[REDACTED] and the Canadian federal family to set up another call to update the U.S. network on the status of Bill C-45 and answer any questions.

Eric,

To be clear, we will not proceed with contacting ONDCP without first getting the green light from you. Shall we wait until next Friday's call to discuss or do you want to action this sooner?

Thanks (and thanks to Tom/Mandy for ONDCP follow-up)

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**From:** Cudmore, Heather -DCL  
**Sent:** April-04-18 4:06 PM  
**To:** Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; Baird, Katherine -WSHDC -WS; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC;  
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DCL was also not aware nor involved in this visit. O/MINA is also requesting more information about the visit through the departmental unit.

Heather

**From:** Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR  
**Sent:** April-04-18 3:55 PM  
**To:** Baird, Katherine -WSHDC -WS; Barratt, Adam -WSHDC; Hartery, Lynn -WSHDC -GR; Cudmore, Heather -DCL; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; Gilles RCMP  
**Cc:** Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA  
**Subject:** RE: Question from PMO

Thanks. I had no knowledge of this until I saw the La Presse article a little earlier this afternoon. Copying in Natasha, Benoit and Gilles in case they may have heard through their respective departments.

Martin

**From:** Baird, Katherine -WSHDC -WS  
**Sent:** April-04-18 2:36 PM  
**To:** Barratt, Adam -WSHDC; Hartery, Lynn -WSHDC -GR; Cudmore, Heather -DCL; Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR  
**Cc:** Abele, Daniel -WSHDC -WS -PA; Shonk, Colin -WSHDC -PA  
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Also looping in Martin and Colin, for awareness (and in case they had any inkling).

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I just spoke with Dan. We were not/not contacted by these senators and had no knowledge of their visit to DC. Adding Heather Cudmore in DCL to see if anyone there might have caught wind of this visit at HQ.

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**Sent:** April-04-18 2:08 PM  
**To:** Barratt, Adam -WSHDC; Baird, Katherine -WSHDC -WS  
**Subject:** Question from PMO  
**Importance:** High

asking whether we had any information regarding a meeting of "high-level administration" folks, including Jeff Sessions, with three Canadian Conservative Senators. Check the link below.

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I tried to paste but maybe did not get all of it.

Basically, were we aware? Did they contact the Embassy for any advice/input into their proposed program?

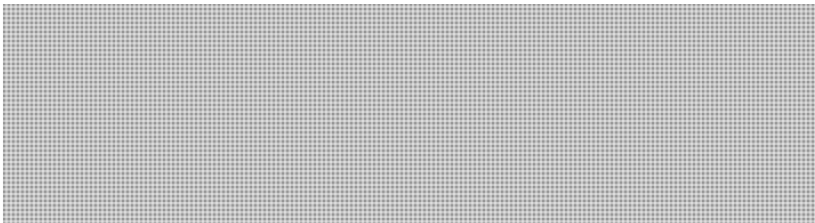
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**Subject:**

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Selon la sénatrice Denise Batters, il est évident que la légalisation de la marijuana au Canada pourrait avoir de profondes répercussions sur les relations avec les États-Unis. « Nous sommes ici pour approfondir et discuter de quelques-unes des conséquences internationales avec notre plus important partenaire commercial », a-t-elle fait savoir.

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Numerous threads on this one. Benoit is checking on his end. Initial responses seem to confirm that they didn't inform the Embassy, GAC or other departments. PCO is engaged on this. The Embassy was not/not informed ahead of time.

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Meaghan

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Andrew – please confirm with o/MINA that the Embassy was not/not consulted ahead of their visit. PMO and PCO has also asked us on separate chains (and we replied same). As has DCL/Cudmore who was also contacted by o/MINA asking the same question. She is also aware that the Embassy was unaware of the visit. DCL wasn't consulted either.

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Thanks, Meaghan. I should add that oMINA has asked about this, wants to know if WSHDC was engaged.

Andrew

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